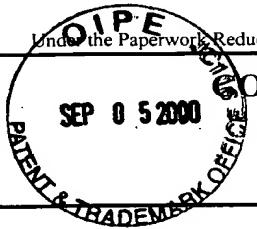


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This is a request for a  continuation or  divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),  
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/714,987,  
filed on September 17, 1996, entitled Method and Apparatus for Controlled Contraction of Soft Tissue

## NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b) and filed on or after June 8, 1995, or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995.

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a). **REMOVED**

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1.  Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on SEP 08 2000 under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.

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3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).

a.  **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

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b.  The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

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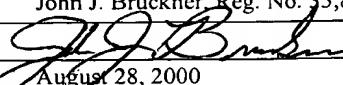
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